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REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 11-16, 26-28, 30-34 and 36 have been allowed. The Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. Claims 29 and 35 stand rejected and are canceled by this amendment so that the allowed claims may proceed to issue, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that, after cancellation of claims 29 and 35, all remaining claims will be in condition for allowance. Timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (707) 591-0789.

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